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FROM THE SECRETARY.

IN YESTERDAY'S PRIVATE MEETING AS REPORTED LAST NIGHT WE
PRESENTED REVISED TALKING PAPER CONTAINED CAHTO 90. GROMYKO
ASKED CLARIFICATION ON SOME DETAILS BUT SAID OVERALL IM-
PRESSION WAS THAT POINTS REPRESENTED NO CHANGE IN SUBSTANCE
FROM PREVIOUS WESTERN POSITIONS. ENSUING DISCUSSION RE-
VOLVED ABOUT STATUS OF OUR RIGHTS, SOVIET ATTITUDE TOWARD
ITS COMMITMENTS AND FATE OF PEOPLE OF WEST BERLIN.

WHEN I MADE POINT THAT THERE WAS HARDLY ANY USE TALKING
IF WE DID NOT KNOW WHERE WE STOOD ON OUR RIGHTS, HE SEEMED
VERY ANXIOUS TO MOVE ON TO DISCUSSION OF OTHER ELEMENTS,
PARTICULARLY THE QUESTION OF TROOPS. NONE OF US ROSE TO THE
BAIT. WHEN PRESSED TO THE CORNER ON RIGHTS HIS REMARKS
MADE IT CLEAR THAT THERE WOULD BE NO LEGAL BASIS FOR THE
NEW AGREEMENT THEY WANT OTHER THAN RIGHT OF OCCUPATION AND
THE ONLY JUSTIFICATION WOULD BE THAT IT WOULD IMPROVE THE
SITUATION (AS THEY SEE IT). THE STATEMENT BY KHRUSHCHEV
IN PRAVDA OF JUNE 8 WHICH WAS READ AT MEETING CLEARLY WORKED
TO HARDEN

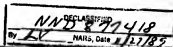
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-2- CAHTO 93, JUNE 9, 1 PM, FROM GENEVA.

TO HARDEN GROMYKO'S ATTITUDE ON RIGHTS FROM HIS FREQUENT ASSERTIONS ON SATURDAY THAT WHILE THEY WANTED NO MENTION OF RIGHTS IN THE AGREEMENT, THEY DID NOT TAKE A NEGATIVE STAND TOWARD THEM. GROMYKO DID SAY THE QUESTION OF RIGHTS COULD BE DEALT WITH AFTER THE CHARACTER OF ARRANGEMENTS ON THE OTHER POINTS WAS DETERMINED BUT HE MADE CLEAR THAT HIS POSITION, LIKE KHRUSHCHEV'S, IS THAT THE OCCUPATION REGIME IN WEST BERLIN MUST BE TERMINATED. COUVE AND LLOYD WERE FIRM MAINTAINING WESTERN POSITION ON RIGHTS.

I DO NOT KNOW IF IT IS SIGNIFICANT BUT AT OUR PRIVATE MEETINGS GROMYKO HAS STEADILY BEEN INCREASING NUMBERS HIS DELEGATION PRESENT. FOR FIRST TWO MEETINGS IN ACCORDANCE THE UNDERSTANDING REACHED TO WHICH REST HAVE ADHERED, HE ARRIVED WITH ONLY ZORIN, SOLDATOV AND INTERPRETER. THEREAFTER HE BROUGHT MALIK WITH HIM IN ADDITION AND YESTERDAY SOVIET DELEGATION COMPOSED OF GROMYKO, ZORIN, MALIK, SMIRNOV, SOLDATOV AND TWO INTERPRETERS. ANOTHER POINT POSSIBLE INTEREST WAS THAT FOR FIRST TIME IN PRIVATE MEETINGS HE SPOKE MOST OF TIME IN RUSSIAN (OBVIOUSLY DESIRING HIS NON-ENGLISH-SPEAKING COLLEAGUES TO HEAR HIS STATEMENTS) THOUGH HERETOFORE IN PRIVATE MEETINGS HE HAS SPOKEN EXCLUSIVELY IN ENGLISH.

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